



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Fresno – Gang Member Charged with Murder in Crash that Killed Woman**

(U) Marc Cain Rodriguez, 31, was charged with murder after being involved in a vehicle collision in downtown Fresno that killed a 19-year-old Clovis woman last month. Rodriguez had a warrant out for his arrest on charges of murder and illegal possession of an assault rifle after he allegedly fled from law enforcement in downtown Fresno on 12 May. While driving in the opposite direction of a one-way street, Rodriguez fatally struck Hannah Pimentel while she was driving, who died at the scene. At least three additional individuals are charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice for the benefit of a criminal street gang in connection with this case.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [Fresno Bee](#)

##### **(U) Los Angeles – Gang Member with Double Murder Conviction Paroled from San Quentin**

(U) Howard Elwin Jones, a gang member and double murderer convicted in the shooting and killing of two teenagers at a party in Los Angeles more than thirty years ago, was released from San Quentin on Monday. Jones was denied parole in 2015 and 2017 but at his third parole hearing in February, he was found to be suitable for parole by the state at a hearing that prosecutors were not allowed to attend. In response to media questions, LA District Attorney Office said in February that the prosecutor's involvement in a case ends at sentencing, and that San Quentin has the best rehabilitative programs in the state.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [Fox News](#)

##### **(U) Riverside – Man Charged with BB Gun Highway Shootings Faces Attempted Murder Charges**

(U) Jesse Leal Rodriguez, 34, is accused in a recent string of freeway shootings and has pleaded not guilty. He faces three counts of attempted murder, as more than 100 people reported their windows shot out by a BB or pellet gun over the past month on Southern California freeways. Rodriguez claims that even though a BB gun was found inside his vehicle, he is not responsible for any of the other shootings, most of them on the 91 Freeway.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [ABC News](#)

#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) Texas – 13 Migrants Arrested in Two Failed Smuggling Attempts**

(U) Edinburg – Rio Grande Valley Sector (RGV) Border Patrol agents disrupted two human smuggling events resulting in the arrest of 13 migrants yesterday, acting on information that a motel in Pharr, Texas, was used to harbor illegal migrants. Authorities responded to the location and encountered six adult subjects and one unaccompanied juvenile. Separately, upon arriving at a traffic stop, agents interviewed the driver and passengers and determined six individuals were illegally present in the US. Authorities then took custody of the driver and vehicle and transported the six noncitizens to a Border Patrol facility for processing.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [US Customs & Border Protection](#)

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### (U) NATIONAL

#### **(U) Indiana – Activist Accused of Throwing Molotov Cocktails in Growlers During Riots**

(U) Indianapolis – Malik Fard Muhammad, 24, faces state attempted murder charges for his part in violent protests in Portland, Oregon last year, and is now also facing federal charges. Muhammad was arrested in April on eight warrants out of Portland after police said he threw multiple firebombs at officers and buildings during the protests. He has since been charged with 26 state felonies in Multnomah County Circuit Court, including attempted aggravated murder, first degree attempted murder, first degree criminal mischief, rioting, and unlawfully possessing a firearm.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [Indy Star](#)

#### **(U) Massachusetts – State Steamship Authority Target of Cyber Attack; Ferries Delayed**

(U) Falmouth – The Massachusetts Steamship Authority, which operates ferries between mainland Massachusetts and Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, blamed a ransomware attack for operation problems on Wednesday morning. The attack has reportedly caused delays on the authority's ferry service. The Steamship Authority reported that a "team of IT professionals" has been working to assess the impact of the cyberattack. The SSA also operates several freight vessels, making it the main provider for any commercial goods shipments not transported by air between the mainland and islands.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [Newsweek](#)

#### **(U) New York – Transit Authority Breached by Hackers as Cyberattacks Surge**

(U) New York City – A hacking group believed to have links to the Chinese government penetrated the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) computer systems in April, exposing vulnerabilities in a vast transportation network that carries millions of people every day, according to an MTA document that outlined the breach. The hackers did not gain access to systems that control train cars and rider safety was not at risk, transit officials said, adding that the intrusion appeared to have done little, if any, damage. But a week after the agency learned of the attack, officials raised concerns that hackers could have entered those operational systems or that they could continue to penetrate the agency's computer systems through a back door, the document also shows.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [New York Times](#)

#### **(U) Utah – Authorities Announce 26 Suspects Indicted on Drug Trafficking Charges**

(U) Salt Lake City – Investigators from multiple law enforcement agencies gathered on Tuesday morning to announce multiple arrests and more charges in cases of gang-related drug trafficking in Utah. Those charged and, in most cases, taken into custody, have ties to a new and dangerous drug cartel, officials said. The investigation began in September 2020, and since then, more than 42-pounds of methamphetamine, seven-pounds of heroin, 5,000 fentanyl pills, 71-grams of fentanyl powder, 15 firearms, and more than \$25,000 have been seized.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [Gephardt Daily](#)

### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### **(U) Bangladesh – Police Arrest Two Active Members of Banned Ansar al-Islam Group**

(U) Khilgaon – Md Faizur Rahman, alias Ahmad Adnan, 23, and Md Chan Mia, 26, were recently arrested on terrorism-related charges following the Bangladeshi Counterterrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit's designation they belong to the banned militant group Ansar al-Islam. Rahman and Mia were planning sabotage and destructive activities against the government and state, gathering in the Khilgaon area to kill atheists, bloggers, and police, according to authorities. The duo spread extremist messages on social media and built-up relationships with people who showed interest in those messages.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [The Daily Star](#)

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**(U) India – Elected Official Murdered by Possible Lashkar Terrorists**

(U) Tral Payeen – Rakesh Pandita, Municipal Councilor of Tral town, was visiting his friend in Tral Payeen of South Kashmir when he was attacked by three terrorists who opened fire outside the politician's house. Pakistani terror group Lashkar has claimed responsibility for the attack. Pandita was staying at a secure accommodation and was provided security, but he was not accompanied by them at the time of the attack. Pandita died at the hospital. According to reports, daughter of his friend also sustained serious injuries in the terror attack.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [International Business Times](#)

**(U) Ireland – Children's Hospitals Forced to Scale Back Operations due to Cyberattack**

(U) Dublin – Three children's hospitals in Dublin have further scaled back operations, due to the cyber-attack on the public health services agency HSE last month. The emergency departments in Temple Street and Crumlin have been busy this week, and people are being urged to only attend if they have to. The two hospitals have cancelled all elective inpatient and day cases for the rest of the week, along with outpatient clinics. Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Connolly has also cancelled routine outpatient appointments until Friday. Sharon Ryan, the head of operations in Temple Street, says demand has increased this week.

SOURCE: 2 June 2021, [Q 102 News](#)

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